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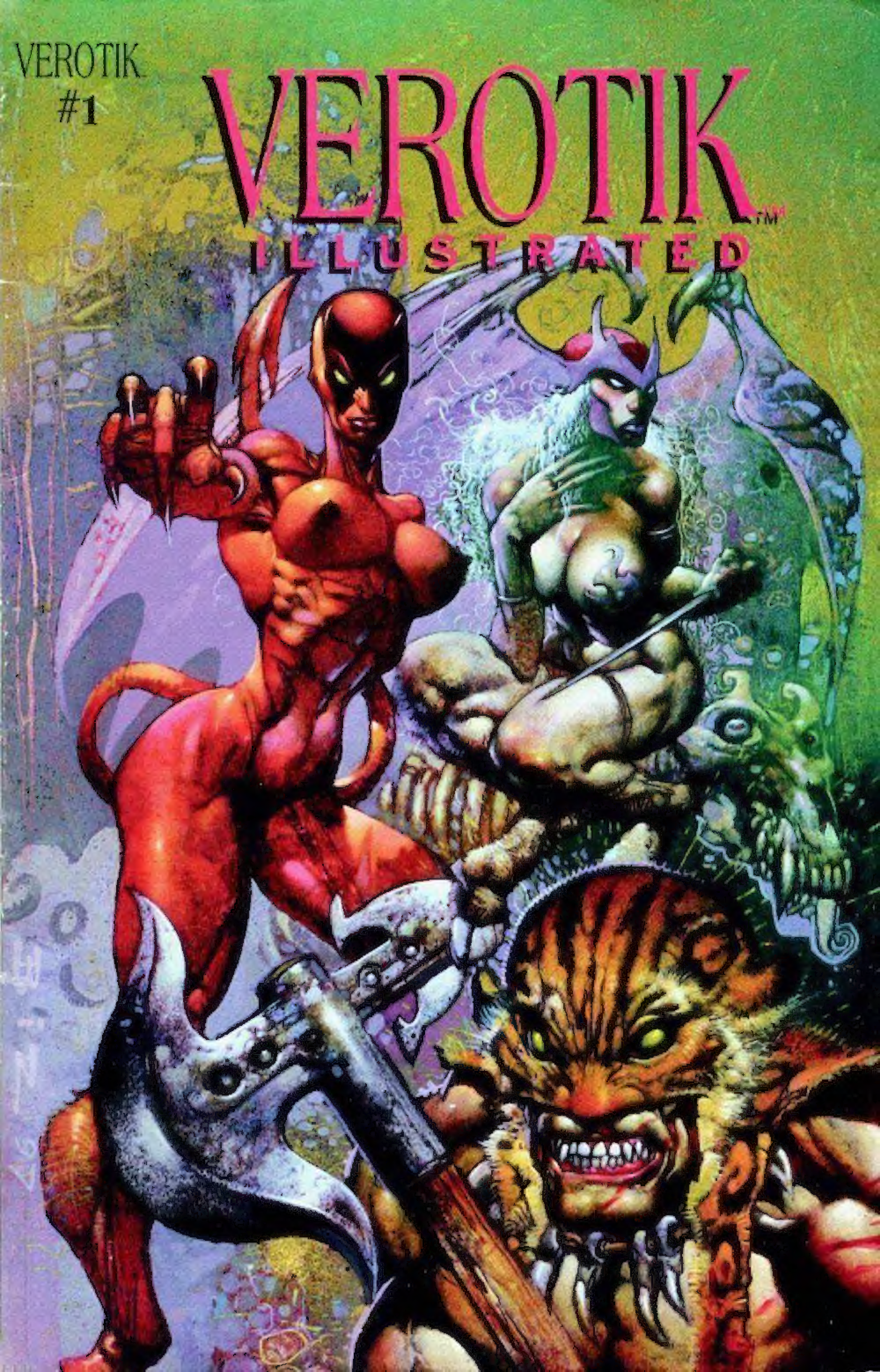

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JAGUAR GOD®

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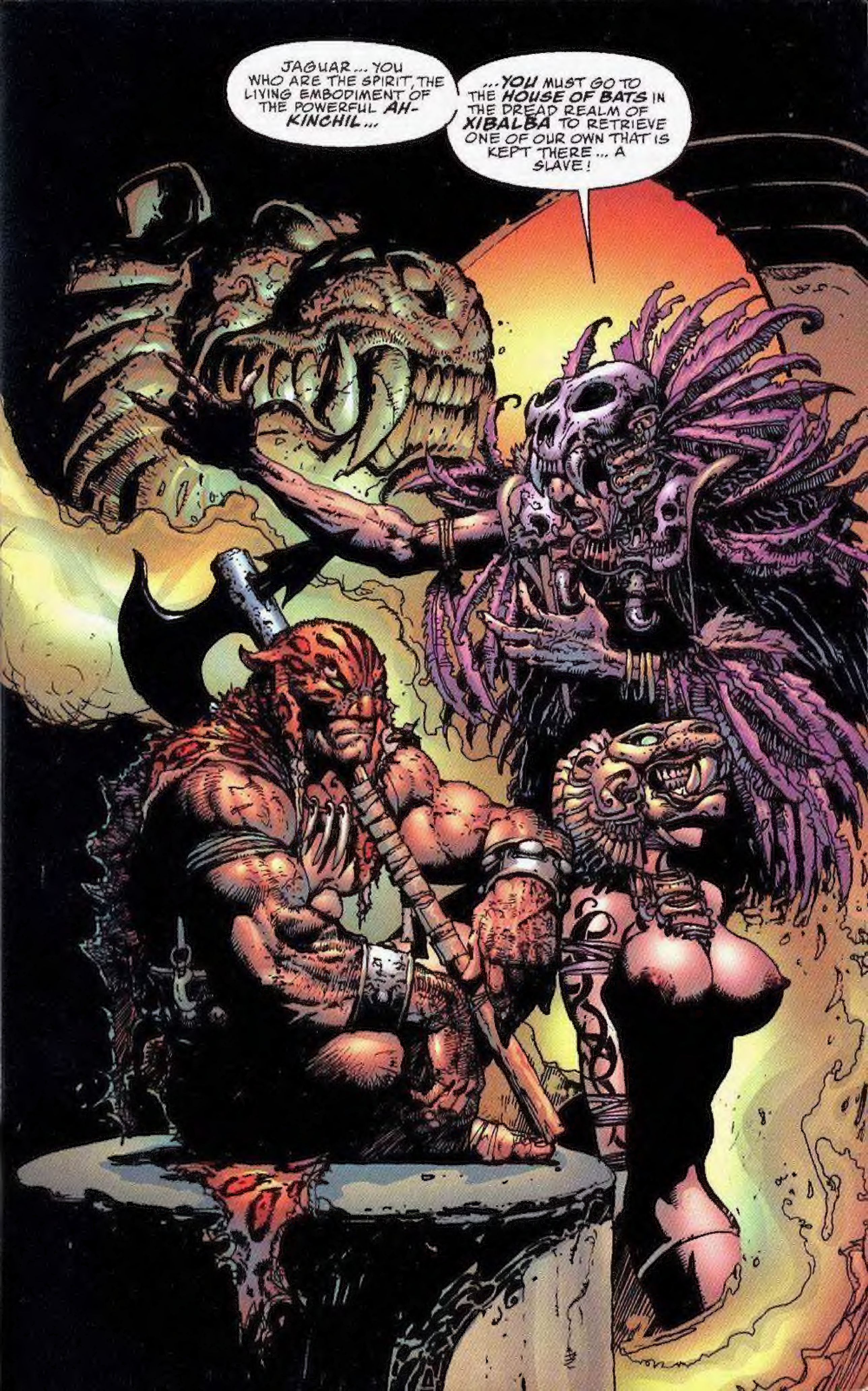
JAGUAR... YOU WHO ARE THE SPIRIT, THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF THE POWERFUL AH-KINCHIL...
...YOU MUST GO TO THE HOUSE OF BATS IN THE DREAD REALM OF XIBALBA TO RETRIEVE ONE OF OUR OWN THAT IS KEPT THERE... A SLAVE!

GO CAREFULLY, MESSENGER OF YAGUA... FOR THIS PLACE IS RULED BY THE BAT-GOD CAMAZOTZ...
... AND HE WILL NOT GIVE UP HIS PRIZE SO EASILY.

GO NOW!...
...AND BRING BACK WHAT IS OURS!
SO THE JAGUAR GOD MAKES HIS TREK TO THE ABODE OF DARKNESS AND DEATH... FINALLY STANDING BEFORE THE ENTRANCE TO THE HOUSE OF BATS...

AS HE ENTERS, THE EERIE SILENCE OVERWHELMS HIM... SPORADICALLY SPLICED BY THE SCREECHING OF BATS THAT SPIRAL AROUND HIM...

...FURTHER IN HE VENTURES, LEATHERN WINGS FLAPPING ABOUT HIM...

...AS HE DESCENDS

...DEEPER...

...AND DEEPER...

FIGURE FULLY COVERED IN BATS, SAVE FOR THE TWO GLOWING EYES THAT STARE BACK IN LUMINOUS SILENCE...
"YOU HAVE DARED TO ENTER THE LAND OF THE DEAD... TO INTRUDE UPON A WORLD WHERE YOU DO NOT BELONG..."

SPEAK... WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?
I COME FOR THAT WHICH YOU HAVE STOLEN... ONE YOU HAVE HELD AS A SLAVE...
... ONE OF THE CHILDREN OF YAGUA!
THEN LOOK UPON HER.

THE FIGURE FLINGS OPEN HIS ARMS, AND SWARMS OF BATS SHOOT OUT VIOLENTLY AT THE JAGUAR GOD!
....AND KNOW YOU SHALL NEVER HAVE HER AGAIN!

THE BAT-LORD LUNGES UPON THE JAGUAR GOD, SINKING HIS FANGS DEEP...
HSSS
YOU THINK I FEAR THE WRATH OF THE PEOPLE OF THE JAGUAR?!!
RIPPI
SHRAK!
HE LIFTS THE JUNGLE GOD, INSIGNIFICANTLY, HIGH OVER HIS HEAD, AS IF NOTHING.
WHUD!

CREATURE OF DARKNESS
THOK!
MANY HAVE THE WARRIORS OF AH KINCHIL SENT HERE TO XIBALBA..
WHAK!
NEVER ONCE FEARING THEIR OWN DEATH!
HISSS

SSHRRIMP
NOW-- UGH!
...WE TAKE ONE BACK!!
NECK!
Profaned!

THE CAT-GOD STARES UPWARD AT THE SEA OF BATS THAT COVER THE CAVE'S CEILING.
.. AND GRABBING A HANDFUL OF ROCKS, FLINGS THEM UPWARD...
...SENDING THE THICK SWARM OF EXCITED BATS DOWN INTO THE CAVE, ENVELOPING EVERYTHING...

SNAP!
COME, MY SISTER.
FAREWELL, UGLY ONE. MAY WE NEVER MEET AGAIN.
TH ANK Y-YOU

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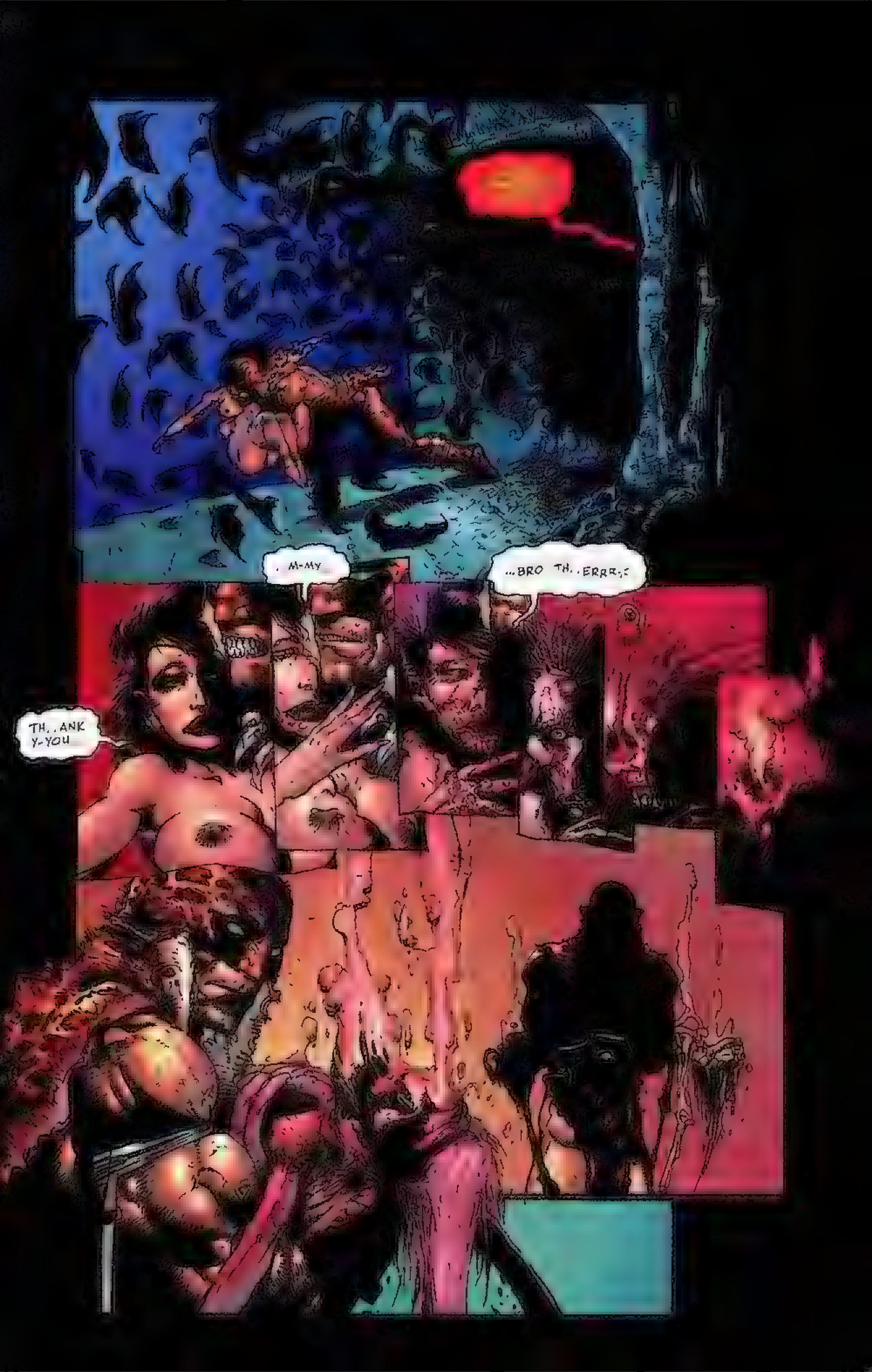
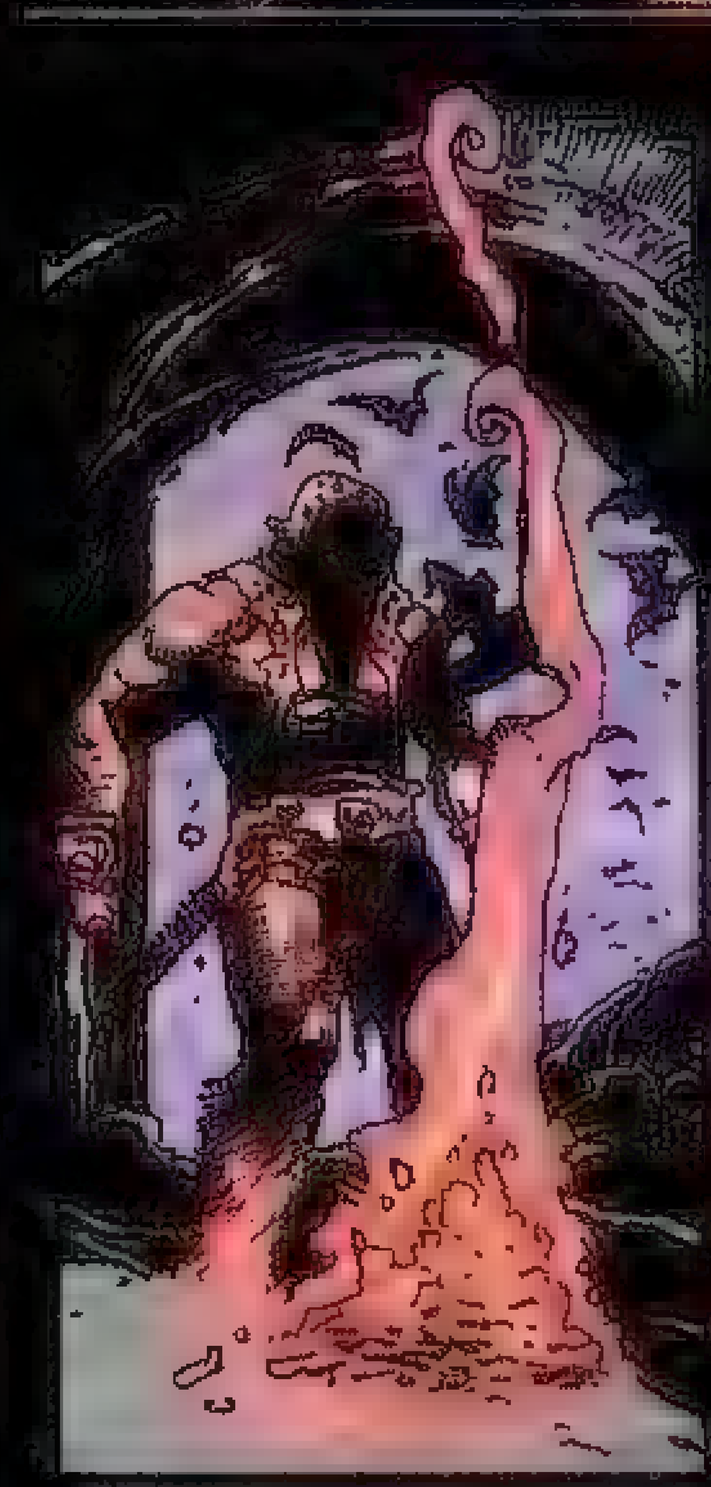
AFTER THEN


. M-MY
...BRO TH. . ERRR.;C
TH. . ANK Y-YOU

SHE CRUMBLES QUICKLY IN HIS ARMS. NOW JUST A PILE OF BRITTLE DECAYING BONE AND DUST...



TILL ALL THAT IS LEFT IS A SINGLE, PERFECT JAGUAR SKULL!

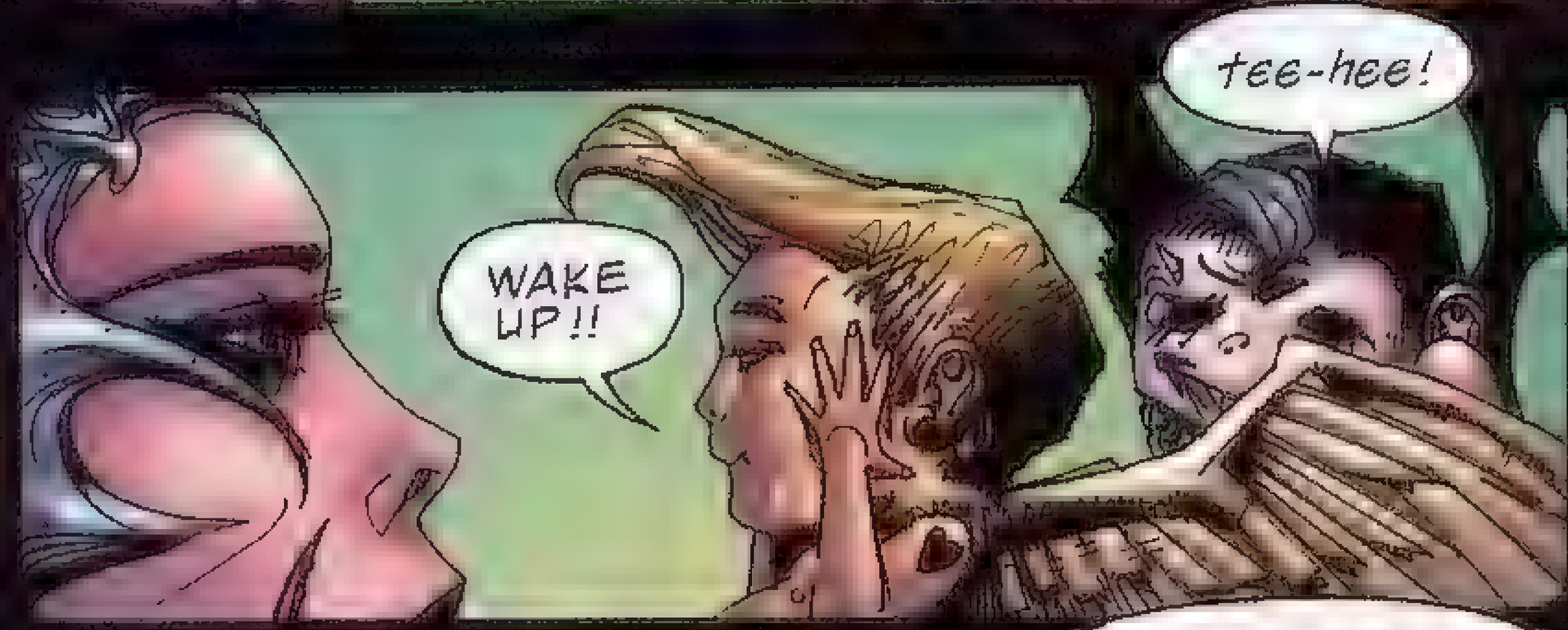
YOU HAVE DONE WELL, MY SON... WHAT WAS OURS IS OURS AGAIN...
...SHE IS HOME.
END

On wings of a devil the weary pale angel
sets down for a brief moment's sleep.
To nestle on bramble
and briar and thorn
while cradled by roses she dreams

WHAT IS IT?
IT IS A FEMALE CREATURE OF SOME SORT.
IS SHE ALIVE?
I THINK IT'S SLEEPING. OH!... WOULDN'T SHE BE PERFECT FOR OUR LORD?!
OH, YES! EXQUISITE!
LET US PREPARE HER THEN!

FINALLY, SHE HAS COME...
WE MUST MAKE HER READY BEFORE SHE AWAKENS!
...AND SHE WILL TAKE CARE OF US!
SHUT UP AND HELP ME!
:NNGG!: SHE WILL NOT EAT BUGS :NNGH!: AND MICE WITH YOU!
AND SHE'LL EAT BUGS AND MICE WITH ME!
:NNNGHH!:
PULL! HARDER!

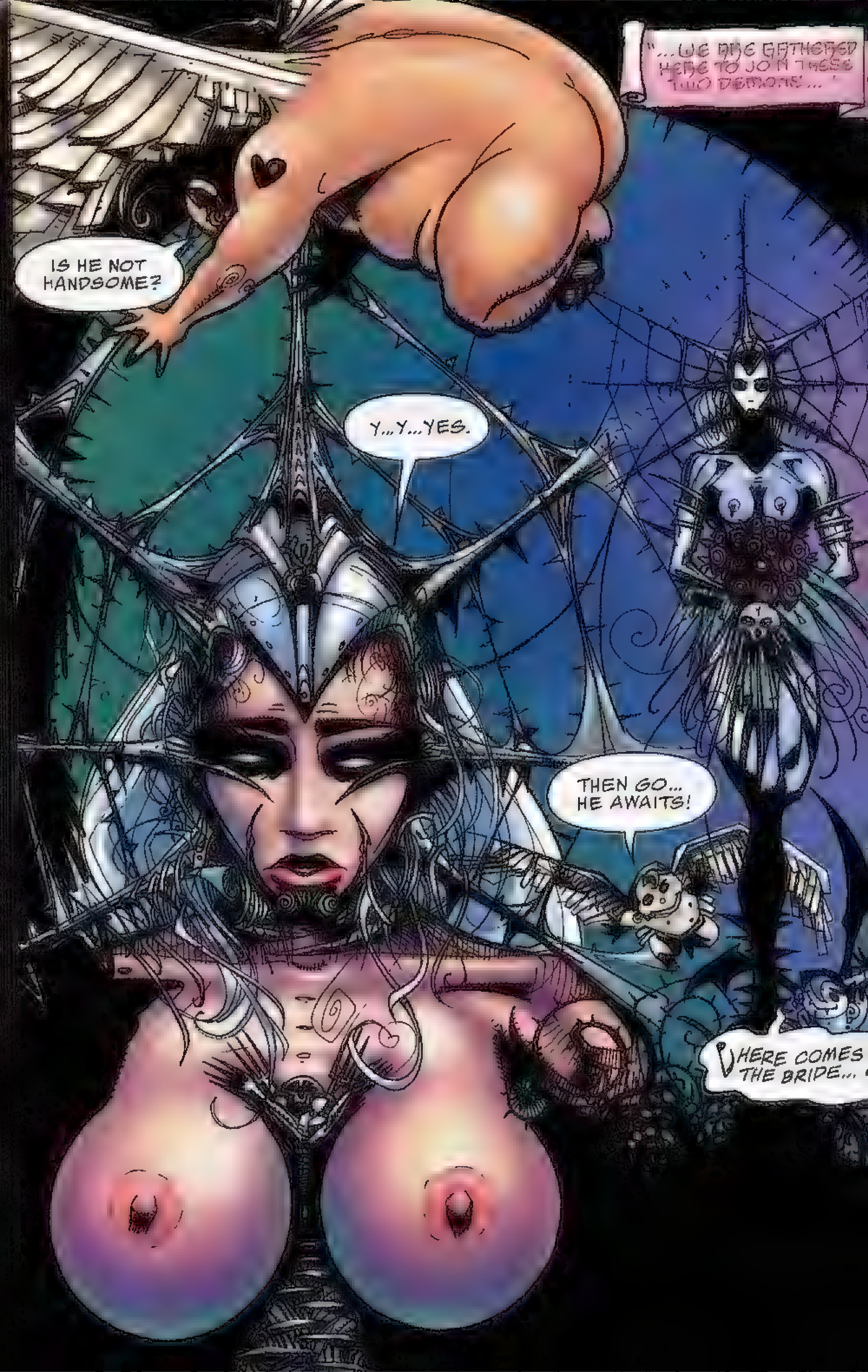
Finally, she is prepared



WHA... WHERE... ARE WE... GOING?
aahh!
WHY, TO GET MARRIED, SILLY!

WHA...?
YOU ARE TO WED OUR LORD... KING OF DEMONS!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OUR PRINCESS!
MY ;giggle; MOMMY! heh-heh.
MARRIED?!

DARKLY BELOVED...
HE IS TO BE YOUR BETROTHED!
GAZE UPON HIS MAJESTY, LORD OF GOBLINS AND DEMONS...


"...WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO JOIN THESE TWO DEMONS..."
IS HE NOT HANDSOME?
Y...Y...YES.
THEN GO... HE AWAITS!
HERE COMES THE BRIDE...

♪ la da dee da ♪
...IN THE BONDS OF UNHOLY MATRIMONY...
"DO YOU TAKE EACH OTHER IN LOVE AND PAIN..."
I SO DO
SO MOTE IT BAE.
"YE MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE... BLESSED BAE THIS UNION..."

WHA...?!
A DREAM?
IT WAS ALL A DREAM!
TIME TO BE OFF...
OH, AND SHE WOULD HAVE MADE SUCH A GOOD MOMMY!
sigh

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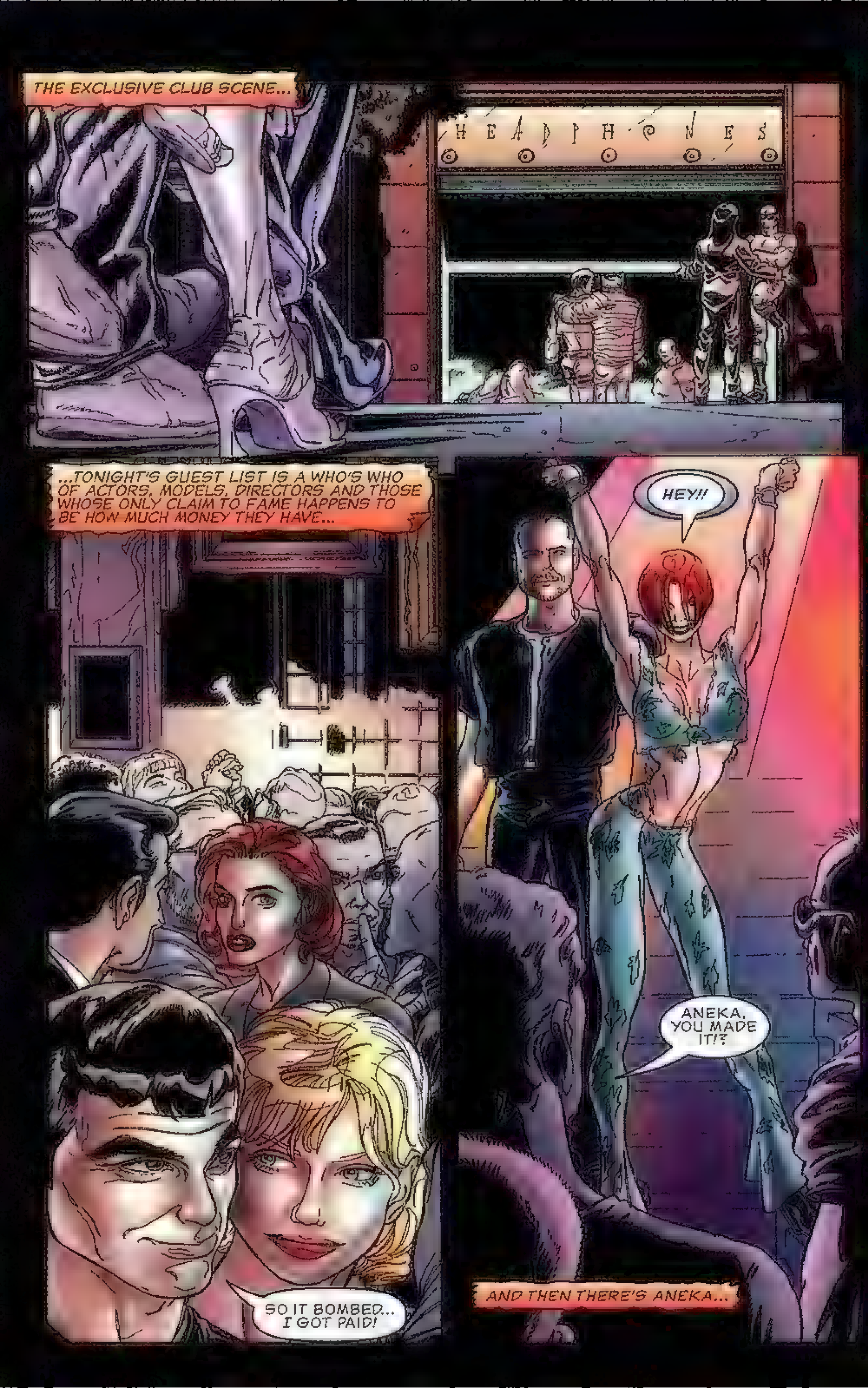

THE EXCLUSIVE CLUB SCENE...
HEADPHONES
...TONIGHT'S GUEST LIST IS A WHO'S WHO OF ACTORS, MODELS, DIRECTORS AND THOSE WHOSE ONLY CLAIM TO FAME HAPPENS TO BE HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE...
HEY!!
SO IT BOMBED... I GOT PAID!
ANEKA, YOU MADE IT!?
AND THEN THERE'S ANEKA...

...HER NAME IS AT THE DOOR OF EVERY PARTY AND OPENING, THO' IT HARDLY NEED BE!
NOW, IT'S A REAL SCENE!
HER NICKNAME IS KIKI AND HER APPEARANCE IS CONSIDERED MANDATORY FOR ANY SUCCESSFUL EVENT.
IS THAT ANEKA OVER THERE?
YOU MEAN KIKI?
C'MON, GIRL, SHOW 'EM WHY YOU RULE!
KI...KI!! KI...KI!! KI...KI!!
OH YEA...
...HOW DO YOU LIKE ME NOW?!

UNTIL ONE NIGHT...
O.K.. LET'S TRY AND BREATHE SOME LIFE INTO THIS TIRED OLD SCENE!
YOU LIKE, BABY?
OH, YEA!
HEY, LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN!
WHO IS THAT?
OH, THAT!... KIKI, HONEY, THAT THING HAS BEEN SHOWING UP AROUND...SHE GOES TO THIS JAP DOCTOR I SEE FOR SHOTS.
WILL HE SEE ME TOMORROW?

THE NEXT DAY..

SO, CAESAR... UH, I MEAN *SERENA* SENT YOU TO ME?

YOU KNOW, THE TREATMENT YOU WANT IS NOT *MEDICALLY APPROVED* AND CARRIES--

DOCTOR, IF I MAY INTERRUPT, JUST GIVE ME THE TREATMENT AND YOUR BILL, AND SPARE ME THE LOLLIPOP.

NOW TAKE ME TO *INFINITY!*

THE INJECTION IS NATURAL FEMALE ESTROGENS AND HORMONES--

--NOTHING UNNATURAL, BUT VERY, VERY POTENT...

IT WILL MAKE WHAT YOU ALREADY POSSESS--

"--AMPLIFIED!"

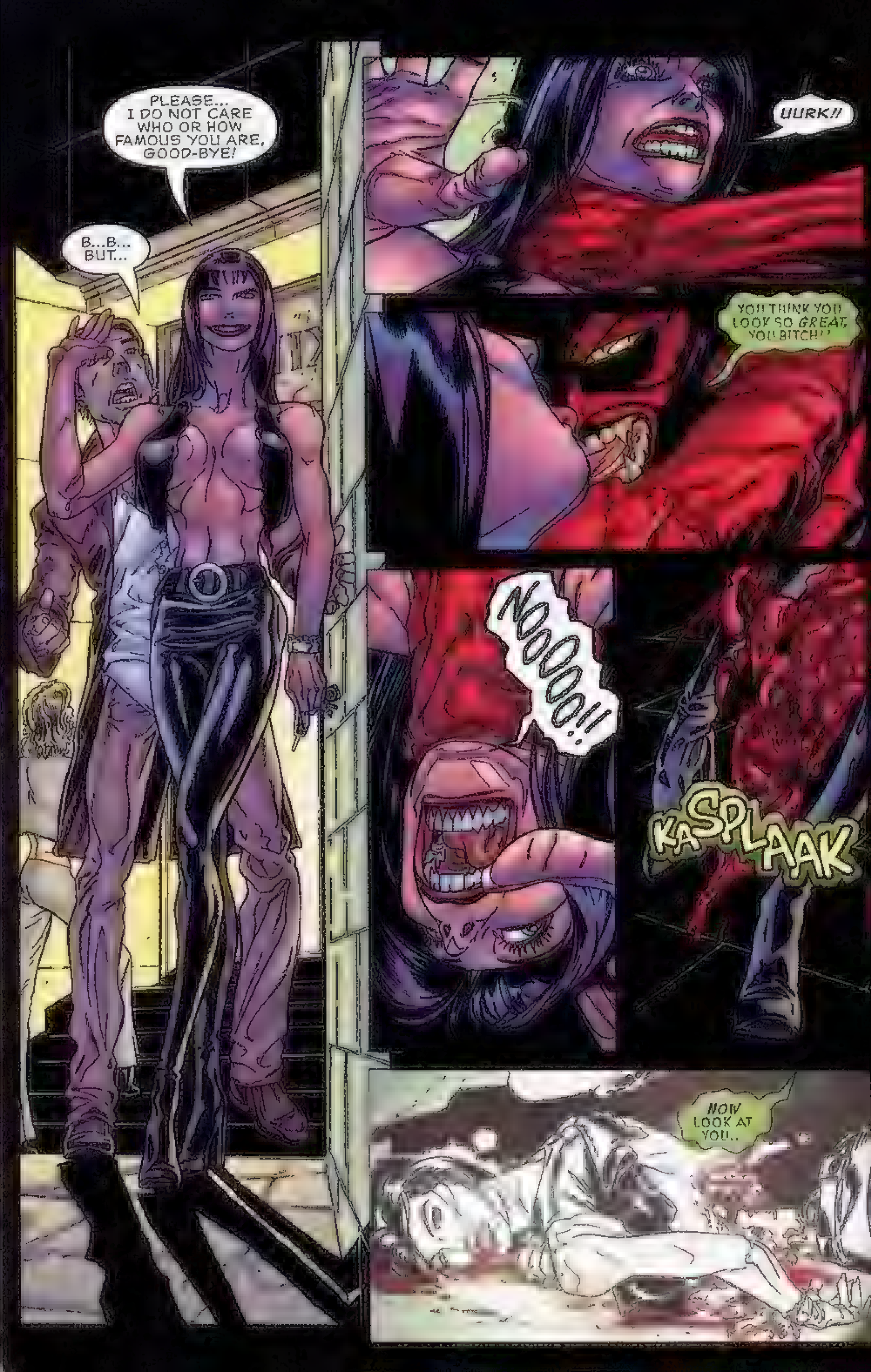
OOOH!

THE NEXT NIGHT ANEKA IS DAZZLING AT A CLUB OPENING
I MUST BE IN HEAVEN, KIKI. 'CUZ YOU LOOK LIKE AN ANGEL!
WOW!
YOU LIKE?
SHIT!
SERENA, THAT DR. TAGAWA, HIS SHIT IS ALL THAT!
GIRL, I KNEW HE'D DO YOU RIGHT YOU LOOK SO LUSCIOUS!
BUT NOT AS LUSCIOUS AS ME, RIGHT, BOYS?
KIKI, HONEY, I THINK THE MORNING TIDE MUST BE IN, 'CUZ I SMELL DEAD FISH!
THAT BITCH!
"WE'LL SEE WHO'S SMIRKING NEXT TIME, 'HO'"

"SO...SHE WANTS A WAR?...THAT LITTLE TRAMP WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HER...'
"A LITTLE PAYOFF TO DR. TAGAWAS' ASSISTANT AND I'VE GOT ENOUGH OF THOSE EXPERIMENTAL ESTROGEN SHOTS TO BURY THAT BITCH"
OOH! THAT SURE TINGLES!
BUT IT'S WORTH IT!
OOH! WHAT A...
R..R..USHHH

THE NEXT NIGHT AT THE PREMIERE PARTY...
KIKI YOU'RE THE BOMB!!
C'EST MAGNIFIQUE, ANEKA!
MERCIE', ANDRE.
OHH...
MY HEAD.. IT'S POUNDING!
WHAT'S WRONG, KIKI GIRL?
UGN! NOW MY HEART, IT'S RACING!
I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD...I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE...
KIKI!?

MY WHOLE BODY...IT'S ON FIRE!
WAVES OF SPASMS JOLT BACK HER BODY!
I CAN'T TAKE IT!! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
NOW THIS IS INFINITY!


PLEASE... I DO NOT CARE WHO OR HOW FAMOUS YOU ARE, GOOD-BYE!
B...B... BUT...
UURK!!
YOU THINK YOU LOOK SO GREAT, YOU BITCH!!
NOOOO!!
KASPLAAK
NOW LOOK AT YOU..

...AND LOOK AT ME!!
CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE!!

THIS IS VEROTIK ILLUSTRATED

IT IS A BOOK WHEREIN WE, THE LUCKY PUBLISHERS, AND YOU, THE EVEN LUCKIER READERS OF THIS, HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE OUR CHARACTERS DRAWN BY ARTISTS YOU MAY HAVE ONLY DREAMED POSSIBLE BEFORE.

IMAGINE SATANIKA BY MILO MANARA, OR PAUL MILLION, OR FOXICE OR G.O.TH. BY JACK FINLEY, HOW [illegible] SEEDER BY MARTIN [illegible]

NO BIKINI PU[illegible] OFF ARTWORK AT ADOLESCENT T&A. JU[illegible] WILD STORIES [illegible] DONE BY SOME OF THE BEST ARTISTS AVAILABLE.

THIS ISSUE ALSO MARKS THE DEBUT OF A [illegible] BY DU[illegible] AND I CALLED AKUMA-SHE. VERY NAS[illegible] D ALSO LIKE TO [illegible] LOYAL AND DEVOTED F[illegible]WERS FOR [illegible] SUPPORT.

NOW GET REA[illegible] OR THE N[illegible]

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Welcome to the first issue of Verotik Illustrated. I'm very proud to have returned to Verotik in time to be involved in this incredible project. Verotik Illustrated is a vehicle for some of the greatest artistic talents, who can't commit to an ongoing series, to work with Verotik and Verotik's amazing cast of characters.

The issue that you have in your hands contains stories by three of my favorite artists, including the first sequential comics work in quite some time from Martin Emond. It was worth the wait! I think you'll agree that Simon Bisley and Duke Mighten have also outdone themselves once again.

Now that you've been blown away by this issue, there's more great shit to come in future issues when we bring you work by the likes of Dave Stevens, Kent Williams, Milo Manara.....and more by Biz, Mighten and Emond.

I'm sure we'll see you in issue #2.

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